

FAMILY ADVOCACY

AFI 40-301, 22 July 1994, is supplemented as follows:

This directive establishes the Laughlin AFB (LAFB) Family Advocacy Program (FAP) and applies to all military, Department of Defense, civilian, and family members assigned, attached, in transit, or visiting LAFB. It explains policies and procedures IAW AFD 40-3, Family Advocacy Program, and AFI 40-301, Family Advocacy. It delineates the assessment, identification, case management, and prevention of family maltreatment. It discusses the identification and case management of family members with exceptional needs. This directive outlines guidelines for the supervision of children on LAFB. This directive requires the identification of Air Force Exceptional Family Members, and mandates the reporting of all incidents of family maltreatment by all base organizational units, active duty members, and civilian employees IAW paragraph 1.19., basic instruction.

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- . (Added) The Support Group Commander is delegated to serve as a member of the Family Advocacy Committee (FAC).
- . (Added) A Clinical Social Worker is appointed as the primary officer-in-charge for the LAFB Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) and Family Advocacy Program (FAP). In the absence of a Clinical Social Worker, a clinical psychologist will serve as the Exceptional Family Member Program Officer (EFMPO) and Family Advocacy Officer (FAO). The Family Advocacy Committee is responsible for publishing a formal written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

1.6.1. The Director, Base Medical Services (DBMS) is delegated responsibility to chair the FAC.

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- . (Added) Coordinate with the FAO to provide a safe environment for the victim of family maltreatment, as needed.
- . (Added) Exercise their authority over the individual suspected of family maltreatment to provide an initial "cooling off" period, as necessary.
- . (Added) Report all families experiencing domestic violence to the Family Advocacy Program during duty hours; after hours contact the Life Skills Officer (LSO) on-call, the Ambulance Services, or Child Protective Services.
- . (Added) Assist in arranging therapeutic counseling and referrals to outside agencies, as required.

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- . (Added) The Security Police (SP) Law Enforcement Desk (LED) will notify the LSO, AFOSI Detachment 410/SAC, and suspect's commander/first sergeant when family maltreatment is suspected.
- . (Added) SP personnel responding to incidents of family maltreatment will secure the safety of the victim(s).
- . (Added) SP personnel will protect the identity of child sexual abuse or minor victims. The SP Blotter should not include names of victim or family; victim(s) should be listed as follows: "Four year old female family member of a TSgt assigned to 47 SPTG." A "Sensitive Material" cover sheet will be placed over Incidents Reports.
- . (Added) The SP Reports and Analysis Section (47 SPS/SPAR) will provide copy of required report(s).
- . (Added) The SP Training Section (47 SPS/SPTT) will conduct training on these and other procedures to ensure personnel are knowledgeable. Training may be scheduled with DBMS.

1.20. (Added) Air Force Office of Special Investigation (AFOSI):

- . Notify the FAP of all cases involving suspected or established family maltreatment when first suspected.
- . Notify the FAP when a Defense Clearance and Investigations Index Check reveals previous incidents of family neglect/abuse.
- . The AFOSI Region 4 Forensics Consultant will provide training upon request for medical and child care center personnel to assist them in spotting injuries consistent with child abuse. Requests for training should be made in writing through the Support Group Commander to AFOSI Detachment 410/SAC.

1.21. (Added) Supervision of Minor Children.

- . Refer to AFI 34-701, Child Development Programs, for licensed home care requirements (babysitting).
- . The FAC recognizes that there is discretion in leaving children unsupervised, based on the maturational development of the child and whether special circumstances exist.
- . Commensurate with Texas law, no child under the age of five shall be left unsupervised at any time.
- . Children between the ages of five and nine shall not be left unsupervised in base housing. A parent or responsible adult must be immediately available to the child. The FAC recognizes that children in this age range often play independently of adult supervision; this factor will be taken into account when assessing possible neglect cases.
- . Children between the ages of 10 and 13 may be left unsupervised for periods not to exceed eight hours during daylight hours.
- . No child under the age of 14 shall be left alone overnight.
- . Babysitters on LAFB should be at least 12 years old.
- . Overnight babysitters should be at least 16 years of age.
- . No child under the age of 10 may be left unsupervised on base, at home, in an automobile or any base facility.

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